

03/26/01  
 10860 U.S. PTO

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/05 (11-00)  
 Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0032

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 10624.0004 D1  
 First Inventor SUDIA  
 Title MULTI-STEP DIGITAL SIGNATURE METHOD AND SYSTEM  
 Express Mail Label No.

jc997 U.S. PTO  
 09/816684

03/26/01

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
 (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 72]  
 (preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 19]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
  - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Box Patent Application  
 Washington, DC 20231

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ☐ paper
  - ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
 (Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
 (if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- ☒ Other: Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09/161,741

Prior application information:

Examiner G. Barron, Jr.

Group Art Unit: 2767

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

## 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

☐ Customer Number or Bar Code Label

(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)

or ☒ Correspondence address below

Name STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP  
 Address Attn.: Stuart T.F. Huang  
 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
 City Washington State DC Zip Code 20036  
 Country US Telephone 202-429-3000 Fax 202-429-3902

Name (Print/Type) Stuart T.F. Huang Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 34,184  
 Signature [Signature] Date 26 MAR 2001

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.